

SENATE BILL 2513

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to foreign language translation
services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-322, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (k) and redesignating existing subsection (k) accordingly:

(k)

(1) A foreign language interpreter approved by the department may assist an applicant in translating the required examination for a driver license when the applicant does not read or understand English or when the required examination is not available in the language principally spoken by the applicant. As a condition of approval by the department, a foreign language interpreter shall agree not to charge a fee or receive any other compensation for the service provided, and shall meet any criminal history or other standards set by the department.

(2) In lieu of assistance provided by an interpreter pursuant to subdivision (k)(1), an applicant may use a device that is capable of digital translation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.